

The intense interest and enthusiasm shown by our late brother Paschal B. Randolph in exoteric Rosicrucian work is well and widely known. Since much less is known relative to the inner workings of the Fraternity wherein he earned and attained the highest position, it may be that, at the present time, a few facts in this connection may be found acceptable, if only for historical reasons.

The original plan appears to have involved the formation of a Triple Order;— the Rose Cross Order, the Temple of the Rosy Cross, and the Hierarchy of Eulis, corresponding in function toward each other as does the body, mind and soul of an individual.

Each one was of three degrees, thus forming a Triple Triangle of nine degrees with the Hierarchy of Eulis as the tenth.

The Grand Master of the Temple of the Rosy Cross thus represented the Head and the Hierarchy of Eulis represented the Heart of the Imperial Order.

The Rose Cross Order was designed as an Outer Door and the Temple of the Rosy Cross as an Inner Door to the ineffable Grand Temple of Eulis where those were admitted who had passed their tests as to loyalty and fitness for higher things.

Realizing, after a time, that the exoteric Societies which he had organized, were not proving as satisfactory as he had wished, desiring to perpetuate the knowledge which it had cost him so much suffering to attain, and to conserve the Keys to those Mysteries in which he had been instructed, Dr. Randolph, in 1875, completed the organization of a Council of Four, representing the Divine Quaternary of the Invisible Brotherhood.

Of this Council, P. B. Randolph was High Priest, F. B. Dowd was Grand Master, R. R. Dowd, a man with astonishing spiritual gifts, was the third, and the fourth whom it is not to name, held place by virtue of her spiritual power, a power to which I can testify, as she was able to reach me in my office a thousand miles away and, by way of the Inner Path, give me a summons and message to convey to Brother Dowd, and this at a time when I had no previous knowledge of her name, title or existence.

These have all now passed to the Great Beyond but the place of each in turn has been filled and the Council still lives and functions.

Following P. B. Randolph as Grand Master came Freeman B. Dowd who, aided by members of the Council, took personal charge of the work of the Temple of the Rosy Cross, teaching and instructing individual members of the Fraternity for over thirty years and writing such books as "The Temple of the Rosy Cross", "Regeneration", "Evolution of Immortality" and the "Mystery of the Serpent" afterward called "The Way".

Some ten years ago Brother Dowd retired from active teaching to become High Priest and the writer, already Hierarchy of Eulis, was honored with the position of Grand Master of the Rosy Cross thus filling the double office, which positions he now holds as is indicated in Brother Dowd's letter of appointment, a copy of which accompanies this statement.

Members of the Fraternity of the Temple of the Rosy Cross have not, as a body, any exoteric organization in the ordinary sense of the word; with few exceptions, they have acted in full harmony with each other and have been active in many different lines of effort for the benefit of humanity. Occasionally one, failing to grasp ideas in their fullness, and carried away by enthusiasm, undertakes important work on his own initiative before his Voice is fully formed or his Eye is fully open. Being partially blind and partially deaf spiritually, such cannot give that ripeness and fullness of spiritual expression so much to be desired.

The writer has taught for twenty years yet he still remains a student and to fellow students of the Mysteries he sends greetings and a word of cheer and promise of better times to come.